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GROWTH OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum growth of foodgrains in States and Union Territories during the last three years;

(b) the level of population growth during the last three years in comparison to foodgrains growth;

(c) whether there has been steep decline in growth of foodgrains despite good rainfall during the said period;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to take some measures to reverse the trend in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): A statement showing the state-wise growth rates of foodgrains production is given in the Annexure.

(b) to (d): According to Technical Group on Population Projection constituted by the Planning Commission, the average annual growth rate of population during 1997 to 1999 is estimated at 1.65% per annum whereas average growth rate of foodgrains production during 1996-97 to 1998-99 is estimated at 4.17% per annum. There is generally a positive growth rate of foodgrains in the country, albeit with some fluctuations due to aberrant weather conditions.

(e) & (f): To increase the production and productivity of various crops and thus growth rate, various steps have been taken by the Government. These include, inter-alia, implementation of centrally sponsored Integrated Cereal Development Programmes in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System area, National Pulses Development Project and Seed Minikit Scheme. Under these programmes/project, incentives are provided to farmers for use of high yielding varieties of seeds, application of integrated pest management, propagation of scientific water management including micro irrigation and improved farm implements. In addition, field demonstration on farmers` holding including training of farmers and farm labourers are organized for effective transfer of technology.

Annexure

STATE-WISE GROWTH RATES OF FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

State	Growth Rate (in per cent)		
	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	17.2	-20.9	33.0
Arunachal Pradesh	1.1	1.9	-10.4
Assam	-0.8	1.3	-4.0
Bihar	11.3	-2.3	-8.4
Goa	17.1	-0.9	3.7
Gujarat	26.9	9.6	-2.5
Haryana	12.9	-0.9	6.8
Himachal Pradesh	-5.4	11.9	3.4
Jammu & Kashmir	-9.6	6.7	6.8
Karnataka	6.6	-12.7	24.0
Kerala	-12.5	-6.4	-13.3
Madhya Pradesh	7.8	-10.9	14.0
Maharashtra	25.8	-33.8	32.0
Manipur	15.3	-6.6	7.5
Meghalaya	24.8	4.7	-0.2
Mizoram	8.2	-0.2	4.6

Nagaland	-11.1	11.6	18.6
Orissa	-29.0	37.4	-12.5
Punjab	8.8	-1.9	8.3
Rajasthan	34.0	9.6	-7.9
Sikkim	-0.3	-2.6	-12.0
Tamil Nadu	8.2	16.9	25.1
Tripura	16.6	-1.6	-8.0
Uttar Pradesh	10.5	-1.9	-3.5
West Bengal	6.8	4.3	0.1
Andaman Nic. Is.	0.6	-7.3	-15.8
D & N Haveli	-15.4	24.0	-28.1
Daman & Diu	0.0	0.0	0.0
Delhi	-75.0	23.2	8.1
Pondicherry	-5.6	-15.8	-10.7
All India	10.5	-3.6	5.6